

International Driving Permits

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The task for the informal group of driving permits experts

- Consider three options
- Consider the legal impact and costs
- Three guiding principles identified
 - Harmonisation
 - Fraud prevention/security
 - Acceptability and feasibility to contracting parties
- The underlying assumptions
 - The need for security features in IDPs and any change in format would need to be communicated
 - Enforcement benefits but difficult to quantify
 - Central database or interoperability of databases needed to support delivery of IDPs and enforcement
 - Data protection – legal issues form sharing personal data
 - Road safety benefits - illegal driving reduced but difficult to quantify

Option A: A Domestic Driving Permit Valid for International Travel (Annex 6 Compliant)

- ✓ Single Document
- ✓ Maximum extent of harmonisation
- ✓ Easy to understand system by all (citizens, enforcement, vehicle hire)
- ✓ No translations required; format will be identical in each country
- ✓ Compliant/near-compliant permits already issued in a number of countries

- ✗ Non-compliant domestic driving permits not accommodated internationally
- ✗ Difficulties for countries who use DDP for other permits (e.g. Identity Card)
- ✗ One-off costs for countries who do not issue similar, Annex 6 compliant licences
- ✗ Possible difficulties to accommodate countries who do not use the Latin Alphabet

**Option B:
Domestic Driving Permit Valid for International Travel (as in Option A); and
an Annex 7 IDP with a compliant or non-compliant Annex 6 DDP Valid for International
Travel**

- ✓ Little change required to current situation
- ✓ Non-compliant domestic driving permits still permitted domestically
- ✓ Easy to understand system by all (citizens, enforcement, vehicle hire)
- ✓ Current IDP already has six translations for enforcement assistance
- ✓ No change to 1968 Convention Required

- ✗ More expensive than a single permit system
- ✗ Non-compliant domestic driving permits not accommodated internationally
- ✗ Increased number of options requires greater understanding by enforcement authorities, car rental firms etc
- ✗ Lack of security features in IDP needs to be addressed; sustainability of system

Option C:

**A standalone IDP valid for International Travel (only); or
An Annex 6 Compliant DDP Valid for Domestic & International Travel
DDPs (Annex 6 non-compliant) Valid for Domestic Use Only**

- ✓ Use of one Document only
- ✓ Non-compliant domestic driving permits still permitted domestically
- ✓ No translations required

- ✗ Need for creation and maintenance of separate IT platform to support IDP as well as DDPs
- ✗ Need to create new security procedures for IDP
- ✗ Increased number of options requires greater understanding by enforcement authorities, car rental firms etc
- ✗ Does not promote harmonisation of permits
- ✗ Need for link between standalone IDP & DDP databases

Potential costs to contracting parties

- For all options
 - the cost of switching to a different style
 - the cost of any new security features if different
 - the cost of linking to a central data base
 - the cost of detection equipment for enforcement authorities
 - the cost of training/raising awareness
- Additionally,
 - For Option A
 - Does not accommodate contracting parties who do not use Latin script on DDP
 - For Options B and C
 - Contracting parties would need to issue Annex 7 compliant IDPs in order to use a non-compliant Annex 6 DDP at international level
 - Costs of issuing more than one permit and cost to drivers of needing more than one permit
 - Data platform costs to handle variety of permits issued